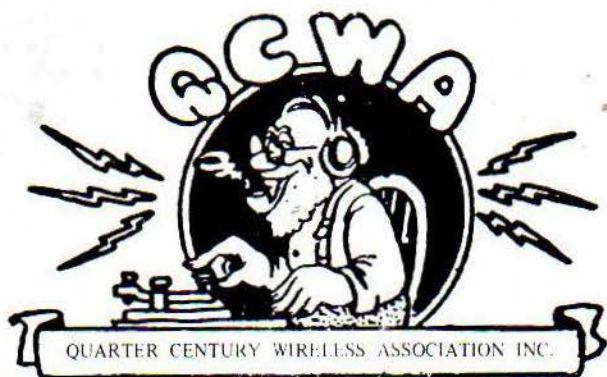


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HEADQUARTERS REPORT

Progress has been fantastic! We ended up 1974 issuing QCWA number 9398 - for a total of 6631 active members. In the first two months of 1975 we have added 186 more new members. At this rate we will be hitting that 10,000th QCWA number by mid summer. We are planning something special when that number comes up.

Life Memberships have been pouring in. In the past two months we have had 21 new Life Members and 185 conversions for a total now of 310 Life Members.

The Treasurer's financial report for 1974 shows that we actually ended up in the black in spite of all the extra expenses associated with moving the Headquarters office. See his report on page 4. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask. This is your organization and the books are open to you.

We had a reasonably good response to the proposed amendment to the Constitution. A total of 1474 ballots were returned. Only two voted in opposition, however there were a few others who said they really didn't want to see QCWA anything but a social organization. Efforts are now under way to make the revisions in the Constitution and then apply to IRS for non-profit (C)(3) status. It remains to be seen if we can qualify. It will mean an awfully big savings in postage if we can convince them.

NEW DUES - NEW APPLICATION BLANKS

The new dues structure goes into effect April 1. That means that all of the old application blanks you have on hand are obsolete. Please, save us all a lot of headaches by just throwing out the old blanks. New blanks are being sent to all chapters and a copy of the new application blank is enclosed in the centerfold of this issue of the Newsletter. You can use it as a master to get some xerox copies or instant print.

HEADQUARTERS REPORT - Continued

NEW MEMBER LISTINGS

New Member listings have gotten out of hand. It would have taken more than three pages to list just the last name and calls of new members this time and more than six pages to give full information. We think it is more logical (and economical) to print a directory supplement annually or semi-annually, and mail it upon request. This way, the people who are really interested in the list will be able to get it, and in Year-book format. Let us hear from you if you are interested in such a supplement. The subject will be a matter of discussion at the April Board meeting and your comments will be helpful. With the way QCWA is growing now, it just doesn't seem practical to try to put the list in the Newsletter any more.

ALPHA-BY-NAME DIRECTORY

There has been considerable interest in the Alpha-by-Name directory. We plan to include QCWA number and Golden Anniversary data and some other special interest material. Full details will (hopefully) appear in the June Newsletter.

PANDORA'S BOX

Thanks for your response to the Pandora's Box. Check the address on this copy of the Newsletter and if it isn't right this time, let us hear about it. We hope to end up with the listings the way you want them.

QCWA SUPPLIES

In response to popular demand, a stock of QCWA lapel pins has been ordered with the "clutch pin" back. The price will be the same as the pin clasp or screw button types - \$3 each. Be sure to specify which type you want when ordering.

Right now we are out of Blazer emblems, but a new supply has been ordered and should be ready for delivery within the next few days.

A list of QCWA supplies and prices is shown on the inside back cover of each Newsletter.

THANKS

Thanks for your many nice letters. We have been trying to do a better job of responding, but too many are still ending up in that "good intentions" file. Please keep your letters coming, though. We do enjoy them very much and try to follow through on your comments and suggestions.

Ethel, K4IMB

QUARTER CENTURY WIRELESS ASSOCIATION, INC.
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1974

RECEIPTS:

Entry fees - new members	\$ 2,214
Dues earned	14,972
Sales of pins, badges, stamps, etc.	1,559
Interest earned	3,466
	<u>\$22,211</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Operating expenses - Headquarters office	\$ 5,101
Stationery and printing	1,030
General postage expense	1,008
Printing and mailing - Newsletter	
Printing, etc.	4,248
Postage	1,654
Printing and mailing - 1974-75 Year Book	
Printing, etc. (less 50% allocated to 1975)	2,888
Postage	782
Advertising and promotion	607
Purchase of pins, badges, stamps, etc.	1,649
Office equipment	801
Office relocation expense	738
Miscellaneous	1,141
	<u>\$21,647</u>

EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS\$ 564**SNOW BIRDS**

Will you Snow Birds please advise us when you return North this spring. We have given up trying to keep a "tickler file" on when address changes are supposed to occur. Somebody is always changing his mind - for health reasons, etc., - and doesn't go North when expected or decides to stay South permanently, etc, etc, etc. We end up paying those dimes again for "bad" addresses. With 6800 members to keep track of these days, we just can't keep up with it any more.

Please drop us a post card or a note just before you make any address change. It will save us money and it will get your Newsletter to you. We are not going to mail replacement copies if you didn't advise us in time.

QSO PARTY

The QCWA QSO Party date came and went, but not without our Old Timers doing their bit. At this writing, 236 Party logs have arrived. It's too early for a big splash on score, etc., but there are some interesting figures we have taken from the logs.

Of course, the next Newsletter will have a complete listing, but from these 236 logs we found 362 separate At Large calls. That's a whopping big bunch who aren't tied to any chapter!

Number of contacts: There were 5 logs with over 300 contacts; 11 logs with over 200 contacts; 73 with over 100; 84 with under 50 contacts. At this time the W4's lead with 42 logs from 4 land. It's still early, and who knows what the mail will bring.

Comments: Very many - mostly nice (all are nice in QCWA, just some are nicer than others!). Many want to retain QCWA Chapter vice QCWA number, some want the number back. Some want the frequencies set right on the border between Advanced and General - so each could stay on their side of the fence. Some want the Party to run during the week for retired old timers. Some want the Party to run less time, some longer. W5NC said the Party is like eating peanuts - you can't stop eating them.

So far the Party amounts to about three cubic feet of paper! Some of the logs are beautiful - it's an education in log keeping. You can bet your boots or a Yankee Dime that the Houston Chapter is proud to handle the logs this year.

The QSO Party Committee is made up of W5FR, W5AIR, W5GPD, WA5RDO, W5MDV and W5YZ. We'll have a complete report in the next issue.

Monty, W5YZ

W2KW MUSEUM

The QCWA Museum established by Clarence Seid, W2KW is becoming an impressive collection and the ARRL has just added its name to the list of museums of radio.

We hope to have a complete story in the next Newsletter, with pictures of Clarence and his collection. In the mean time he wishes to give recognition to the following people who have made donations to the museum:

W2AOM, W6BXD, W2GHV, W2JRX, WB8CJA, W4RD, W1NBP, W2MWJ, W1KJG, W2QZ, W2AAZ, W4AL, W2ET, W1PEG, W2BXY, W4VN, W2LFX, WA2HIQ, W2KH, W2BW, W2ACZ/WB4AWI, W2FZ, W2PF, W2EMN/KV4GB, W2AIM, W1BF, K4WJ, K4RN, W1HDI, W8BKM, K4HT, WA4FQR, W5QGX, KV4AA, KV4AB/W2KW.

OPERATING ACTIVITIES

By Ted Heithecker, W5EJ

The 1975 QSO Party is now history, and at this time the contest outcome is now known...a full list of all QCWA members who submitted logs, together with scores, will be published in the June QCWA News. Thanks to all of you for participating, and to the Houston Chapter for sponsoring the event.

Gator Chapter has volunteered to sponsor the Party in 1976 and their offer has been accepted. It is hoped that the rules for the next party can be released in the December News.

We have received little response to our proposal to offer an QCWA WAC certificate and a W-60-C Certificate, which would honor those who make contact with at least 60 QCWA Chapters. If interested, please drop a note to W5EJ.

We have spent all of January and February in Miami, and had the pleasure of meeting and talking to quite a number of good friends. There is no more friendly group of QCWA members anywhere, or more active, for that matter, than those living in the sunny State of Florida. Almost makes us wish we lived here! We visited Andy Clark, W4IYT and Florida Skip...one of Amateur Radio's best publications! Had a visit and coffee with Stan Hart, 2AAN, who isn't a QCWA member!

Working here in Miami, I have received word from home that Arthur Kroeger has sent me a group of publications from which we expect to get material for some real old-time events. We haven't seen the magazines, yet, but believe they date from the 1915-1916 period, and can hardly wait to get home. Our thanks to Art!



Some months ago Tom Gentry, W5RG, of Dallas, Texas was voted thanks by the Directors of QCWA for his constant efforts in recruiting new members to QCWA. Well, Tom was a good friend before we printed this picture of him taken some 50 years ago.

W5EJ:

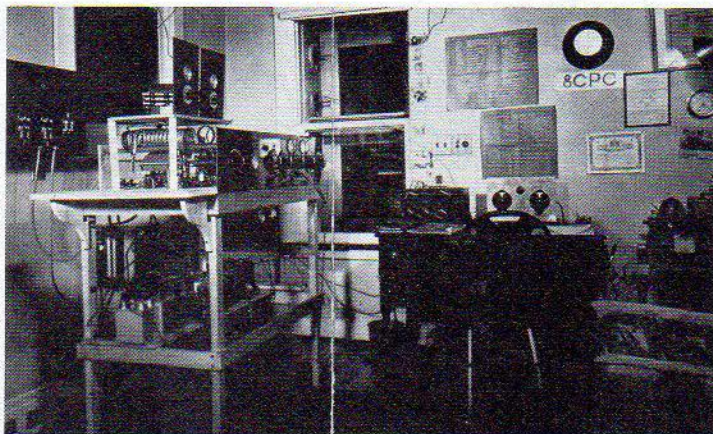
NOSTALGIA

W5EJ



From the file of John Eubank, W4SI, of Coral Gables, comes the picture of the 1925 transmitter and ham-shack of one of the World's most famous Amateurs, Mario Santangeli, 11ER. Mario was known for his systematic Amateur work and research...he was a member of QCWA.

On the page opposite are QSL cards from some of America's well-known and well-loved Amateurs, dating from the 1924-1925 period. More pictures of such cards are planned for the future. These are the property of W4SI.



Above is a beautiful picture of 8CPC, taken about 1930. The rig used a pair of 852's in push-pull - the QTH was Buffalo, and you can count on it that a bunch of the Niagara Frontier Chapter boys saw this one in action.

Hans Meurer is anxious to have it known that he has changed calls from W2HIU to W2TO. He says he didn't want to participate in the QSO Party because nobody knew who W2TO was.

851 TINTON AVENUE **BRONX, N. Y. C.**

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TRANSMITTER
 60 W. Rca Tubes
 112 W. input
 comp. West Ckt.
 ANT. AMP. 2

2AMJ

RECEIVER
 Comp. West Ckt.
 35-125 Meters
 Det. as one Step
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ANTENNA: Cage Type 6 Wire 35 Ft. Long. 75 Ft. High.
 COUNTER POISE: fan Type 3 Wire 25 Ft. Long. 50 Ft. High.
 Dx: 3000 Miles States U. es. C. Dist. es.
 REMARKS: arrs late in getting from airport
get gsk end on Frank Fisher
 PSE-QSL-QR ALWAYS VY 73'S OPERATOR

QSR-anipace OFFICIAL RELAY STATION QSR-anitime
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 132 Tennessee Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. U.S.A.

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RADIO 431 40 SOUTH BEAVER ST. YORK, PA.

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 Audibility 300 Character 100 Conditions Vy bad
 TRANS. 2012 ew Hartley 200 Volts CR-AC 100 Mils Rad 1.4 Amps.
 RECEIVER 2012 Variometer Regenerative, Detector and Step, Baldwin
 ANTENNA 6 Wire Cage 70' high, 50' long, 2' diam, Cage leadin.
 COUNTERPOISE 6 Wire T Type, 110' Long, 5' High. No Ground
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 SINCERELY FRED LINK, 3 BVA
 MEMBER A. R. R. L. 2 to 1

A QCWA STORY

By W5EJ

In July of 1974, Noel Olmstead, WB5FHW, President of the El Paso Chapter started processing the 50-year Golden Anniversary Certificate application of C.W. Palmer (Walt), of El Paso. There was only one difficulty - Walt's first license was an Operator's, not a station license...this was common back in the 20s when money was hard to get, and young men didn't have much, so it was with Walter. He lived in an apartment, in Jersey City with another young amateur, August Grom. August had a licensed station, 2BV, and if he could be found, we were certain that he could confirm the operator's license issued to Walter back in 1923...the problem was to find August...and who could better do that than our old friend, Nat Pfeffer, W2AIM, who knows everyone - sure enough, after a search Nat located August Grom, now licensed as W6BW in Oakhurst, Calif. August was contacted and he did confirm the licensing of Walt Palmer back in May of 1923.

Below is a picture of the official awarding of the Golden Anniversary Certificate, by Noel Olmstead.



Noel Olmstead

C.W. Palmer

Let us give you the words of August about those times long ago...."I am confirming your early licensing. It came about this way. We had gone to NYC to take our test in May, 1923. You passed, I failed. In October 1923 I returned, passed and was issued the call 2BV. You did, indeed, operate my station for a year or so.

I was a member of the Hudson City Radio Club, with meeting rooms behind and above a hardware store down the street from DeForest's where I was employed for about a year. The club station was 2CBK, the owner of the hardware store was 2BPG, also there was 2BOY, Vincent J. Gilcher, who had a 1 kw spark station and where I operated many times. He went with NBC at its formation and was in charge of design and building the studios here and there. My operation started back in 1916 when I joined the Boy Scouts of America in North Attleboro, Mass. At that time I built my first loose coupler, Mothers Oats box, slider on top and tapped and sliding secondary, and operated at the spark station of Horace Achin."

Thanks to Noel Olmstead, Nat Pfeffer and August Grom...and our contratulations to Walter Palmer!

SILENT KEYS

It is our sad duty to report the following Silent Keys:

W1FG	Burton Synnott #8088	W5FE	Dan Whitaker #4907
W1FJ	Robert LaCava #6370L	W5JKZ	R.L. Morgan #6832
W2HBF	Ernest F. Evans #497	W5RBN	William Haynie #8609
W21JW	Arthur Olson #7524	W5WS	Alfred Gieske #6654
W2KWU/WA2CAP	Shanessy #4211	W6BHG	H. G. Garman #3192L
W2PEG	H. Stephenson #9068	W6BQI	George Whittet #2956
W2QH/K5CN	Don Goetcheus #1735	W6CC	Ed Garrett #2392
W2VMZ	Milton Unger #7743	W6CLZ	Ed C. Doell #2793
W3ADK	Dennis Marbach #6295L	W6MMW	Fred Iltner #5894
W3AUM	Walt Rice #5642L	K7GRQ	M.F. Swanson #5538
W3HFD	F.M. Fenimore #5450	W7CAM	Frank Ingalsbe #1680
W3KH	Harold Dinger #966	K7ICP	Dr. Frank Young #1689
K3MK	H DeV. Hotham #4924	W8RO	George Huberty #1544
W3SD	Maj. E. Lipson #960	W8UGD	George Eastman #2059
W4KKM	Howard Luttgens #8558 (ex WB4ADO/K9JPX)	W8ZBT	Ivory Olinghouse #7714
W4AMC	James G. Smith #1818L	W8ZLK	Ralph Bieser #2772
W4FPC	M.T. McSheehy #1571	W8ZZZ	Ken G. Springen #5596
WB4GCI	Herbert Snow #5821	W9CE	Ray E. Norene #3747
WA4KQS	Harold Finch #8663 (ex WB9MLK)	W0GZ	Charles Jennings #3212

NOT A SILENT KEY !

THE REPORT OF MY DEATH HAS BEEN GREATLY EXAGGERATED

Harry Wannenmacher, W2MZ has been busy explaining to people that he is hale and hearty - in spite of the report in the September Newsletter that he was a silent key.

We are very sorry that this error occurred and we promise to be VERY careful in the future. Please give us your help, too, by giving the full name and call of any Silent Key you report. We don't want this kind of an error to ever happen again.

W2RD, Dr. Eric Palmer suggests this Creed for QCWA:

There are no strangers in Amateur Radio;
Just Friends who have not met before
their first QSO.

AKRON CHAPTER

Next Dinner Meeting May 22.

The Akron Ohio Chapter held a dinner meeting at Young's Restaurant in Akron on January 23. There were forty-one in attendance. The entertainment for the evening consisted of an 8MM home movie shown by Sammy, W8UGF, and contained mostly Hamfests and outings held during the 1947 and 1948 period. Members of the group, including the YF's, enjoyed seeing themselves back in those years. Many thanks, Sammy.



Photos by Bob Vaughan, W8KJZ.



Meritorious Award
to K8GRO

Chapter President Sam Carr, W8UGF presented Chet Rataski, K8GRO with the well earned QCWA Meritorious Award.

The group was also honored with the presence of three guests, namely Ralph Gjronda, WB8TMG, YF Nickie and 13 year old Son Robbie, WB8TSH. Ralph is the nephew of Gus Gironda, W2JE. Gus, as an uncle you must be very proud.

Greetings to our newest members, Harry Leibby, W8KFW; Leo J. Allinger, W8JAY; Paul Drotor, W8MWB; J. Ed Robertson, K8EMI; Charles L. Foster, W8WAV and Howard A. Spiller, W8WXU. Greetings to all; we are very happy to have you aboard. This, of course, also includes the YF's and YL's.

This was also election nite for the chapter officers and the results are as follows: Re-elected for another term as President is Sam Carr, W8UGF and for Secretary/Treasurer Chet Rataski, K8GRO. The Chapter at this meeting revived the office of Vice-President and the winner is James Trutko, W8EXI, past President and Vice-President of the chapter. With this staff heading up the chapter for the next year, we can't lose. Good luck, fellows.

The next dinner meeting is scheduled at Young's Restaurant on May 22. Keep the date open - and bring a prospective member.

Chet, K8GRO

ARIZONA CHAPTER

On-the-Air every Sunday, 0900 MST on 3933 kHz

The Sun City group participated in the anniversary celebration of the founding of this Arizona retirement center by setting up and operating a special events station sponsored by the Sun City Amateur Radio Club under the special events call of WC7SUN. The station operated 12 hours daily from the lobby of the Greenbriar Cafeteria, January 11-24, made 1160 contacts, which included 12 foreign countries, 6 Canadian provinces and all 50 states. QCWA members participating in this project were: W7YR, John Allen (President of Sun City Amateur Radio Club); W7YU, Chuck Bailey (VP of the club); W7JAJ, Parker Burkhardt (Secretary); K7WL, Wally Leland; W7BP, Charley Blake; W7IWL, Don French; W7JHQ, Sam Lewbel; W7YP, Porter Evans; W7ZH, Gene Roderick; and W7UV, Al Fischer. The project was a great success and our sincere thanks are extended to all stations who participated and contributed to this success.

WA7DTX, Harold Herl, has reported receipt of his 50-year award from National HQ but was unable to attend the last pot-luck for a formal presentation. We will catch him next time and we all send our heartiest congratulations. Several others have filed applications and one was heard to remark, "that is the only award I get for growing old!!"

The Arizona Chapter welcomes back an old member, W7GYX, Shep (Miles Shepherd) QCWA #3786. Shep's work in the broadcast engineering field in Northern Arizona has prevented him from actively participating. However, he now reports he will be joining the on-the-air meetings more often now. Welcome back, Shep.

A note just in from ex-W7RG, Charles Vincent, who now resides in Palm Springs, Calif. Chuck says he hasn't been able to shake any QCWAers out of the bushes over there yet and is still keeping in touch with the group here in Arizona. His California call is K6HK. You can always check in with us, Chuck.

W7WS, Capt. Bill Smith, USN (Ret) still insists he is pulling up stakes in Arizona and going back to Pennsylvania. In fact, he has his old call back, W3AN, which he held for 35 years in that area. Sorry to see you and the YL leave, Bill, but our best wishes for luck, happiness and health go with you both.

A long letter from W7JGL, Bill Toben, who says 40 years with the Postal Service is enough and he is seriously thinking of hanging up his mail bag permanently. He has been fairly active on 10, 15 and 20, operating mostly CW; thinking of adding RTTY when he retires.

Check your original license date - you may be eligible for the Golden Anniversary Award.

Lucky, K7NTG

BLUE RIDGE CHAPTER

Luncheon Meeting on the second Wednesday of each month

The first official meeting of the Blue Ridge Chapter since receipt of the charter was held at the Ramada Inn, Hendersonville N.C. Eighteen licensed amateurs were present, along with a number of wives and guests.

A photographer from the Times News recorded a reenactment of the charter presentation by national director Bob David, W4YK, to chapter president Harry Mills, K4HU. Pictures were also taken of the presentation of a 50 year certificate to Doc Appleton, K4RR. Equipment set up for the feature program of the day was also photographed. Sorry we haven't been able to get copies for this column.

The program consisted of a demonstration of SSTV equipment and operation by Bob David, W4YK. Bob was a pioneer in the promotion of this mode of communication and has enjoyed many hundreds of QSOs over the past several years.

The Blue Ridge Chapter holds a luncheon meeting on the second Wednesday of each month and an executive committee luncheon on the fourth Wednesdays. On-the-air schedules are held Wednesday evenings at 9 p.m. on 3895 kHz and Saturday at 11:30 a.m. on the same frequency. We will be looking for you there.

Doc, K4RR

Photo by W4NXY



A Golden Anniversary Award was presented to Robert Knapp, W4OMW, at the dinner/meeting of the Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club in Greenville, N.C. on December 7th.

Other QCWA members present were K4M1, W4AMC, W4NFL, W4UTO.

UNUSUAL "SECOND HOBBIES"

W6NKE is a mystery story author. His adventures of the Lama Mingyar Yaktrap of Tibet will be the feature story in the April edition of the Sherlock Holmes magazine.

W8BKM is a railroad buff associated with the Conneaut, Ohio, Railroad Museum

KL7DG and his wife are long distance running fans. Last summer Marcie set a new record for women in running to the top of Pikes Peak and return.

What is your "second hobby?"

CANTON CHAPTER

The November meeting of the Canton Chapter was held at the Dutch Valley Restaurant with 47 in attendance. A family style dinner was enjoyed by all. Election of officers for 1975 resulted in the following:

President: Belden Blake, W8WNU
Vice Pres: Whitey Beechy, W8LVW
Sec/Treas: Henry McLaughlin, W8OYV
Trustee: Ralph Schoener, W8TPS
Trustee: Leonard Reigler, W8DNC

Nolan (Stew) Walker, W8ADQ was presented a 50 year award by the outgoing president, Arkie Reichman, W8NBK. The following newcomers were introduced: Myron and Lura Larrick, W8MZP; Myron was looking for Mac, W8RZ. He had a QSL from Mac in 1959 while stationed in France and operating F7GH. Newcomers Charlie and Betty Scott, K8BYC; Harley and Louise Ball, W8ETK; Bill and Martha Schmezer, W3KRG, guest of John and Mary Lou, W8CWY. Bill is a member of the Pittsburgh Chapter. Guests Included Al, W8OJW and wife Mary; Rich, W8IKT and wife Helen; Stew, W8ADQ's daughter and grand-daughters. We welcome our new members and their guests.

Congratulations are in order for Boyd Oplinger, W8DCI who recently received his 50 year award. We hope to have an official presentation at a future meeting, providing Boyd and Helen have not decided to spend the cold days in Arizona or not busy chasing DX with the QRP rig.

W8OYV

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

At a meeting of the Central Oklahoma Chapter on January 19, the following officers were elected for two year terms:

Director: Mr. George Lagaly, W5NTL
Director: Mr. Ned Leach, W5FIJ
Sec/Treas: Mr. George Holt, W5DDI

Continuing in office through 1975 are:

Chairman: Mr. R.L. (Red) Maier, W5RDE
Vice-Chairman: Mr. Fred Boardman, W5NL
Director: Mr. Mel Bolger, W5AXM
Director: Mr. Dale Diehl, W5WUF

George, W5DDI

CHICAGO CHAPTER

The Winter meeting of Chicago Area Chapter was held on January 21 at Otto's Restaurant in Forest Park, Illinois. There were 44 present - somewhat fewer than expected, due mainly to illness. We did have some guests, including a DX visitor, Alan Penney, VK5ZC from Adelaide, South Australia. Al is in the States on an extended business assignment and was staying close by at the Park Ridge Inn. We were glad to welcome again Ernie Serena, W9DE, President of Joliet Chapter. Other local guests were Howard Lindh, W9HJ; Andy Balint, W9IE; and Jim Paul, W9GUX. All present were given a good round of applause.

Fred Hinds, W9WR, one of our most loyal supporters, was presented his Golden Anniversary Certificate amidst loud applause and flashing of photo bulbs.

Phil Haller, W9HPG, our ARRL District Director, had just arrived from a meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors and gave a brief run-down on FCC Docket #20282 and other matters of general interest. There were many questions from the floor, some of which Phil answered, but he suggested we wait for an article to appear in QST giving all the details of this Docket and answering many of the points being raised.



50 Year Award to W9WR

The President announced that Vern Mills, formerly known as the "Green Rabbit" (W9GR) is now referred to as the "Blue Panther." His call is now K5BP. Vern has dropped his membership in our chapter and is looking for affiliation with a chapter closer to his new QTH at Rogers, Arkansas.

Next on the agenda was our biennial election of officers:

President: Ed Webb, W9IPO
Vice Pres: Dudley Press, W9MI
Secretary: Harry Eckland, W9SKX
Treasurer: Moe Pallotto, W9BOX



New President Ed, W9IPO
Receives the gavel from
Outgoing President W9RC

Outgoing President Mac McRae, W9RC, thanked all of the members for their help during the past 2½ years, with a special nod to the members of the original Committee of Ten who helped so much in the initial stages of the organization of the chapter. He then presented President Ed Webb with the gavel.

Mac, W9RC

CLEVELAND CHAPTER

The Cleveland Chapter has planned an exciting evening for Saturday, May 10th, at the Masonic Temple, 3615 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, according to Werner Sauber, W8KC, newly elected President. Other 1975 officers are Paul Cornell, W3IFW, Vice President, and Max Bauer, W8ALI, Secretary-Treasurer.

Frederick C. Fehl, Special Agent in charge of the Cleveland Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, will be the key speaker at this dinner meeting which starts at 7 p.m. This will also be Ladies' Night, so bring your wife or guests.

Following Mr. Fehl's talk, we will announce the winner of the Greater Cleveland Amateur-of-the-Year Award. This award is open to all hams within a 50 mile radius of the center of Cleveland who are dedicated to public service through amateur radio. Entries may be mailed to Max Bauer, W8ALI, 6805 Mayfield Road, Mayfield Heights, Ohio 44124. Deadline is February 10th. The recipient will then be QCWA's nominee for the Annual Amateur-of-the-Year Award to be presented at the Hamvention in Dayton.

George Lister, W8NV, who recently received his QCWA Golden Anniversary Certificate, was the key speaker at the QCWA fall dinner meeting. George revived many memories of Euclid Beach Park, where his innovations, as communications chief, put life and sound into countless park attractions, drawing thousands of visitors from all over the country.

We earnestly hope that many of the oldtimers and regional club representatives will join with us for an enjoyable and fraternal meeting on Saturday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Max Bauer, W8ALI

CALOOSA CHAPTER

Caloosa Chapter had its second luncheon meeting on February 26 with 41 attending. Our membership to date is 42 full members plus two associates (20 to 25 years of amateur radio.)

We presented the 50 Year award to John T. Chidester, WB4PYN. There were also eight or nine others who have the 50 Year award. We hope to have pictures in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Our Chapter meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month at the Black Angus Restaurant, South Cleveland Avenue, Ft. Myers, Florida, at 12:00 Noon. Come join us. We are working hard toward that free banner for having 50 members.

"Eb" Long, K4GEW

COLORADO CHAPTER

A meeting to organize a Colorado Chapter was called by Stuart Edmonds, WØGW on February 11. Don Holaday, WØDR, gave a brief talk on the past history of the group of QCWA members who petitioned Headquarters for a Charter in 1971. The Charter was issued and dated November 11, 1971, signed by Barry Goldwater, W7UGA, as President and A.J. Gironde, W2JE, as Secretary. Don said that no further action had been taken to really organize a chapter and the effort died on the vine. Recent prompting from the new Executive Secretary resulted in an attempt to get it going again.

After extended discussion, it was decided to elect a temporary President and Secretary and to hold the formal election of officers at the next meeting set for March 17. Temporary officers elected are: Jim Haynes, WØOVL, President and Stu Edmonds, WØGW, Secretary.

Mr. Edmonds reported on the telephone call he received the afternoon of the meeting from K4LMB, Executive Secretary of QCWA. She offered encouragement and gave the following calls as being on the original application for the Colorado chapter. WØDR, WØCT, WØFUH, WØPGO, WØJRN, WØLK, WØMT, WØMYX, KØECR and WØVQY.

During the meeting Bob Swanlund, WØWYX, telephoned his regrets that prior commitments prevented him from being present. He said he had found the original Colorado Charter and that, barring unforeseen problems, he would bring the Charter with him to the March 17 meeting.

Gene Bacon, WØCNY, was complimented on being a truly dedicated QCWA member, for anyone who would drive 332 (map) miles from Durango to Denver in the middle of winter for the sole purpose of attending this meeting must surely be dedicated to QCWA. Quite a few others from around the state had already sent their regrets at not being able to make this meeting but will become members later.

It was agreed by all that present and prospective QCWA members who express their desire to belong to the Colorado Chapter will be listed as Charter members if they fully complete the requirements for membership. The designation of Charter Member will no longer be applicable after the close of the March 17 meeting. Notices will be mailed to all members or those known to be qualified, along with the national dues change information, within a few days.

President Haynes appointed Don Holaday and Roge Rogers to
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CITRUS CHAPTER

Next Luncheon Meeting March 29.

The Citrus Chapter had it's Winter(?) meeting at Tavares on January 18. Sixty-nine were present for the luncheon and the meeting.

We gained five new Citrus members and also voted to allow the chapter to have Associate Members. Dues and voting privileges are the same as regular members on all matters except those having National Association content.

The next luncheon meeting will be held on March 29 at the Winter House restaurant in Daytona Beach at 12 noon. RSVP W4WLX.

Dell, K4GJ

COLORADO CHAPTER - Continued

study the National By-laws and come up with a suggested set of By-laws for the new chapter and present them at the March 17 meeting. President Haynes also appointed Sol Abramowitz and Vern Anderson to study the anticipated costs of running the new chapter and propose a dues structure at the next meeting.

It was suggested that everyone work to bring in new members. Now is a very opportune time to work on eligibles in view of the new dues schedule of the National QCWA going into effect March 31, 1975.

The usual noisy QRM of renewing old friendships and making new ones pretty well completed a very fine evening. The question of who started things going this time was pretty well answered by each one pointing his finger at everyone else as having been the spark plug. The weekly Tuesday noon luncheon at Wyatts Cafeteria on South Colorado Boulevard was the principal spawning ground as it is not unusual to see five or more QCWA members present nearly every week. This reporter does not know the origin of the Tuesday Luncheon but it has been going on for many years and lately increased interest has sometimes swelled the group to 50 or more.

Be sure to attend the March 31 meeting of Colorado Chapter QCWA.

Stuart C. Edmonds, WØGW

DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER

At the last meeting of the Delaware Valley Chapter, we had 107 members and guests present to hear Rear Admiral Raymond J. Schneider, W3MJE, deliver a most interesting talk on the situation of our Country's stand as to sea power and trade. It was frightening, to say the least. Those of you who didn't attend missed another excellent meeting.

At the March meeting we are having a return engagement by our League's YL Editor Louise Moreau, W3WRE. You all remember her last talk on the keys! Well, this time her topic, illustrated with slides, is the History of the Great Flood of Johnstown in 1889. I have seen this, and it is superb. It will be enjoyed by the ladies, too.

Since our last meeting, we have added eight new members:

W2KWE - Fred A. Eckhardt, Sr.	W3CHZ - Walter K. Koch
W2BUB/3 - Benton H. Marder	W3FJ - Harry W. Money
W2HWQ - William J. Kozcon	W2SVV - Caesar Arena
W2FDE - Sidney L. Deitz	W2IC - Earl W. Korf

I am very sorry to bring you the bad news that our very good member and friend, Frank Fenimore, W3HFD, a life member in the Chapter, passed away on Friday-afternoon, February 14. He will be missed by all.

At the Annual Meeting, the following officers were elected for a two-year term:

Chairman: George Hautenschild, W3KD
Vice Chairman: John Wolf, W3IMU
Secretary: "BB" Wentzel, W2HX
Treasurer: George Gierman, W2QLP

A Chapter Plaque was presented to the outgoing chairman, John Power, W2AXU for his devoted time to the Delaware Valley Chapter. Presentation was made by the new Chairman, George Hautenschild, W3KD.

The Delaware Valley Chapter wishes the best of luck to our new neighboring chapter, "Northern New Jersey," which is piloted by Ralph Hasslinger, W2CVF.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, June 7th, at the Buck Hotel, so mark your calendar NOW! If you have a friend that you would like to bring along, please do so. Of, if you know of anyone who would make a good member, please let me know.

And don't forget, we meet each Sunday morning at 9:45 'til 10:30 on 3917 kHz. So, check in, fellows. Some of the boys meet each morning on the same frequency for an informal rag chew.

"BB" Wentzel, W3HX

DETROIT METRO CHAPTER

The Detroit Metro Chapter had its first meeting of '75 on January 8. A two day rain with high winds didn't keep thirty hams from attending. Meetings are held at the TV studios of WXYZ-TV in Southfield, Michigan - an ABC O&O station whose management very graciously gives us space for our meetings at no cost to the chapter.

Our guest speaker was Henry Johnson, W8AMZ and his wife. He kept all of us interested in telling us of his several trips to Russia and Mongolia. His subject was "Box 88 - Moscow." Getting in to meeting a number of Russian hams and seeing the distribution center at Box 88, where all our UA cards are sent from, is about like trying to get in to Fort Knox and our Gold supply here, but he made it.

We tried for the first time putting a meeting notice in our local daily newspaper here. The notice was put under Radio Gear and things for sale. It seemed to bring results. Several new people heard about the meeting from it.

Sunday morning QCWA get-togethers are still regular on 3663 kHz at 8:30 a.m. local time. Every one is invited to check in. As of February 22nd, the net had been in operation for a period of 28 months. It was started on October 15, 1972.

For those interested in statistics, the average net duration has been 76 minutes. This adds up to a total of 136 hours of operation. During this period 32 different amateurs have checked into the net. Tate, W8FX would be proud of us keeping this net in memory of him.

Dick McNutt, W8CAT
& Len Kerzka, W8IHX



PIONEERS

Eight of these fellows go back over 50 years and 4 are Charter Founding members of the QCWA (underscored). They meet daily on 14,270 at 2100Z. "Ham Radio has kept us smiling and laughing with and at each other."

Front Row: Nat - W2AIM, Mel - W4NXF, Gerry - K4DI, Frank - W2FZ. Back Row: Dave - W2PF, Dave - K4AMS, Mort - K4KR, Nat - K4OL, John - W2RID, Sam - W2DAX
Photo by K4JBI - not shown in picture.

EL PASO CHAPTER

Next Luncheon Meetings: April 19, May 17, June 21.

Regular meetings of the El Paso QCWA Chapter are held on the third Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at Furrs Cafeteria in the Sunrise Shopping Center. The Chapter has an on-the-air meeting on 3940 kHz every Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Mountain Time.

Silent Key: On December 15th, one of our dearest QCWA members joined Silent Keys - Bill Haymie, W5RBN, one of our 50 year members. Bill always had a smile and in his own indomitable way always had a good word for everyone. He has now signed into the big log. All our prayers are with his YF, Pete. "Every noble life leaves the fiber of it interwoven forever in the work of the world."

Don't know about the Ground Hog and his shadow on February 2, but in talking to our QCWA member "Mountain Man" Merrill Frazer, W5ALL, he advises that Cloudcroft wouldn't let the Ground Hog come out of his hole as there was four inches of snow and 34° on February 2nd.

Walt Leggett, W5BFN, says he has finished roto-tilling his yard and will be glad to have a little rest as the ground is too wet now to work.

Vasco Rhoden, W5NPI, has a garlic cure for the flu bug that has been hitting the El Paso area. He will be glad to tell you about it if you are interested. That is, if you can catch him between commuting between Arizona and El Paso where his beautiful bride Alice (nee Fatzinger) lives. They were married December 24th, here in El Paso.

New Members: We wish to welcome new QCWA members Jerry Moorehouse, W5GDH; Ernest "Kernie" Kerston, K5ECO; and Lloyd Burrows, W5SIG.

Mary and I didn't make the February meeting as we were attending the Texas VHF-FM Society meeting in San Antonio. We were also at the Charter presentation for the new Lubbock QCWA chapter. They had 17 Charter Members.

Those who are getting their license call plates for their cars are in. These licenses will be made new every year just like personalized plates, so we will not get those little add-on tags.

If I have missed any news, let me know and will try to put it in next time.

Noel, W5FHW

EVERGLADES CHAPTER

The January meeting of Everglades Chapter was held January 4 at the North Federal Sweden House.

An announcement was made of the death, December 31, 1974, of Howard Luttgens, formerly NBC Engineer of the Chicago district, and a charter member of the Everglades Chapter.

Irv Weston, K4NA, requested that his resignation a director be accepted, to give the North district more representation on the board. He nominated John Glober, W40B for the position. This was approved.

Chairman Wray Gillette, K4HA, appointed Floyd Lindsay, K4MV, chairman of the Telephone Committee and Irv Weston, K4NA, as Program/Entertainment Committee chairman.

The February luncheon meeting was held at the Sweden House on February 1. Eighty-four members and guests attended.

A Golden Anniversary Award was presented to Earl Anderson,

Oldest member dates from 1909, 1911 came in second. The two lowest QCWA certificate number holders, both charter members, were W4AS and K4KR. The accompanying photo shows Ralph Renton, W4CU, getting his Golden Anniversary Award at the meeting in November.



(L-R) John Glauber, W40B
Frank Gunther, W2ALS
Ralph Renton, W4CU
Irv Weston, K4NA

Chairman Gillette requested volunteers for the Estate Disposal Committee. The following members were appointed: Joe Trahan, K4UCL; Ed Weller, K4GYZ; John Glauber, W40B; and Irv Weston, K4NA.

Irv Weston reported on constitution correction and proposed a new By-law addition, creating the Associate Member - one who has 20 year history but not reached the

25 year mark. They will be non-voting members, and not eligible to hold elective office.

Mark Devaney, K4IDC, National Treasurer, reported on National QCWA affairs and By-law changes increading the dues.

Ormond Bullis, W4PKD
Secretary-Treasurer

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If you are eligible for QCWA membership, please complete the application form on the reverse side of this page. We will be looking forward to having you as a member.

If there is any more information you desire or anything we can do to be of assistance in any way, please let us know.

73,

Ethel M. Smith

Ethel M. Smith, K4LMB
Executive Secretary

GATOR CHAPTER

New officers were installed at the January luncheon. Russ Chappell moved up to President, replacing Hal Rice who did a terrific job for us in 1974. Bob Conaughty has replaced Russ Chappell as Vice President, and we welcome him and are sure he will turn in a fine performance during 1975. Art Monsees and Dave Davis agreed to serve as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, for another year.



A Meritorious Award certificate was presented to Dave Davis, W4GQ (with the beard). Hal Rice, W4FFM made the presentation at the Gator Chapter luncheon in December.

A certificate of Meritorious Award was presented to Dave Davis, W4GQ at the December meeting. Dave has done a fine job as Secretary of the chapter for two years and has put out the yearly roster and monthly news letter, all without cost to the chapter, except for postage. The citation noted many outstanding contributions made by Dave over the years.

Those of you who received a valid federal amateur operator license at least 50 years ago are eligible for the Golden Anniversary Award, a beautiful certificate. The issuance of this certificate is not automatic, but must be applied for. Application forms will be furnished upon your request to Dave, W4GQ. When you receive your award the chapter will furnish to you without charge a 50 year tab to be attached to your I.D. badge.

We had 126 at our February 1st luncheon. Lew Sieck gave us a talk about the proposed FCC Docket 20282. It was a splendid presentation, complete with placards which reduced the substance of the lengthy document to a nutshell.

Bob David informed us of the sudden death of our good friend and fellow Gator, Herb Snow, WB4GCI. We will miss him.

Gator Chapter has offered to sponsor the next QCWA QSO Party in February of 1976. The participation in this year's party indicated considerable interest.

Don't forget our regular net at 9:30 local time on every Saturday morning, 3920 kHz. And be sure to attend our next luncheon. Bring all the guests you like, both ladies and gentlemen. Do not send money. Pay our treasurer at the door as you come in.

GULF COAST CHAPTER

The Mississippi Gulf Coast Chapter initiated a monthly "Meet and Eat" schedule, complete with wives, girlfriends, and other invited guests. Eyeball QSOs and special achievement recognition ceremonies are the principal activities of the meetings. QCWA members who may be visiting or traveling through the Mississippi Gulf Coast area on the third Friday of each month are invited to call any local QCWA member and join in the monthly festivities.

QCWA recently lost a very active member in the person of R.L. Morgan, W5JZK, Yazoo City, Miss. Morgan was especially active on 75 meters. His death was sudden and unexpected. His departure will be keenly noted by his many friends.

Plans are being formulated for the annual joint QCWA and Gulf Coast Sideband Net dinner, held each May in the Gulfport-Biloxi area. All QCWA members and guests will be welcomed. Last year's meeting drew QCWA and Net members from Louisiana, Alabama, Florida, Tennessee, Texas and Mississippi.

Biloxi-Gulfport QCWA members were honored guests at the February 17th meeting of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club. Tom, W5BW, arranged a presentation of memorabilia concerning the early days when ham radio was in its infancy.

Jesse Marcel, W5CYI, Houma, La., is fast becoming one of the most traveled members of the Chapter by his frequent visits to the Mississippi Gulf Coast to participate in the monthly QCWA get-togethers. Jesse is active on all QCWA nets.

Norman Feehan, W5JHS, the organizer of the Chapter, continues his outstanding service as Net Manager of the Gulf Coast Sideband Net, 3925 kHz, 0030 Z daily. Norm and his wife Fran recently visited their children in Beaumont Texas during the Christmas holidays. Norm reports many outstanding eyeball QSOs with QCWA and Net members during his visit to Texas.

Joe Landry, W5QY, St. Martinville, La, enjoyed a holiday tour of the European continent during the Christmas season.

Tom Braidwood, W5BW, is out of the hospital and going strong on all QCWA nets. Tom, who has been licensed more than fifty years, is one of Mississippi's most active hams. Currently Tom is enjoying a visit from his brother, Victor, K2DE, from New Jersey.

Fabian V. Husley, W5IBO
President, Gulf Coast
Chapter

HOUSTON CHAPTER

The Houston Chapter has been rocking along very nicely for the last few years. Meetings are monthly, on the 4th Saturday of the month, at Wyatt's Cafeteria in Sharpstown. Noon is the time. Attendance is between 25 to 40 with many of the YFs and Harmonics in attendance. We have an entertaining program at practically every meeting. Sometimes we hold the meeting on the third or fifth Saturday to avoid conflict with other amateur activities such as Field Day or other conventions. We have had visitors from Oklahoma, Louisiana and from many parts of Texas.



PX by Rudy, YF of W6BMM

HOUSTON CHAPTER DIRECTORS

L-R Roy, W5MRY; Wayne, W5MDV; Lindsey, W5FR; Monty, W5YZ; Bill, W6BMM/5; Scotty, W5QPD; and Gene, K5AZ.

Not in picture, but duly elected: Jerry, W5AIR; Hal, W5NC Lee, WA5RDO and Dave, W5KV.

At the moment, the accent is on new members, particularly because quite a few have become eligible on January 1, 1975. It has also become a standard (almost anyway) to present some Old Timer with a 50 year award each month. In the last few months W5CWE, W5FJ, W5PLE, W5AEJ have received their awards. W5WR is due to get his in February.

Another item the Houston gang is promoting is the recovery of the lost art of telegraphy. One of our group qualified for 50 wpm on WIAW's special run. Most of the Old Timers can copy pretty well but many don't bother to qualify, QCWA would be enhanced in the eyes of our younger amateurs if the old timers started qualifying. (Continued on page 26).



Dale S. Cooper, W5PLE
Receives 50 year award

CENTRAL INDIANA CHAPTER

Another new QCWA Chapter - Central Indiana Chapter - is being formed in the Indianapolis area.

An organization meeting was held February 20th with sixteen present, and from this meeting came the names of 32 more prospective members. A second meeting is to be held on March 20.

During the first meeting it was agreed to meet once a month and there will be no dues. We did, however, pass someones hat for postage and collected \$16. We will do the same at the March meeting. Our main purpose for the get-together is just to enjoy an evening of good fellowship and a good dinner.

We hope to see all of you there.

Charlie Lugar, W9CGJ.

Here is a pix of Earl Anderson, W9GE, of Indianapolis receiving his 50 Year award from his old friend Irv Weston, K4NA, at the Everglades Chapter luncheon meeting at Boca Raton, Florida on February first.



Photo by Frank Reiver, W4JVR
So Fla official photographer

HOUSTON CHAPTER - Continued

On the high bands, (since the younger group now call our HF the low bands), our old timers on occasion take over two meters. It only takes one old timer to get on 2M FM, and before you know it there's a round table of two letter calls. Our gang is also using 146.55 for direct work. At conventions and large get-togethers, it's nothing to hear 10 or 15 old timers. To top if off, this chapter has its own net (like most of the other chapters) on Thursday nights on 3,876 kHz at 8 p.m. This net, however, is for all of the 5th District and is sponsored by the Houston Chapter.

Silent Key. We are saddened because some of our old timers joined the ranks of the silent keys: Dan Whitaker, W5FE; Hank Ditrach, W5IVU and Al Gieske, W5WS. May they rest in peace.

Monty, W5YZ

LUBBOCK CHAPTER

The newly formed Lubbock Chapter had its first dinner meeting on December 7 at Wyatts cafeteria. Eleven of the 17 charter members were present with their YLs and guests for a total of 38 people. Noel Olmstead, WB5FHW from El Paso presented the charter to President Bill Mingus, W5ZH. Honored guests were Walt Cunningham, W5TUW; Dick Brown, W5ZOK, and Anne Mae; Dick Colwell, W5BFK, and Lucy; Jack Blackwell, W5RGP, and Sunshine; Will West, W5YPL and his wife and son and the son's wife and daughter; KPJ's sister Nell, his son Steve and wife Debbie.

The picture shows only the OMs. The YL's name is listed along with the husband's call.



Photo by W5RGP

L to R: L.B. Jones, W5HKB; U.V. Blake, W5EWB (Lorraine); John Estes, W5HB (Ruth); Darrell Davis, W5CV (Mildred); and Johnny Bell, W5NGX (Nina) Rear Row: Rogers Orr, W5NIC (Thelma); Frank Lee, W5FMQ (Mazine); Johnny Joiner, W5KPJ (Mildred - who is K5ESB); Bill Mingus, W5ZH (Francis); Hugh Smith, W5MHM (Mildred) and E.C. Pool, W5NFO (Gladys - who is K5MBS).

Absent due to working or illness were W.T. Ward, W5INM; Griff Griffin, W5PXI; Leon Piland, W5FGG; Walker Pollock, W9NJK/5; Bob Goodson, W5QP and Earl Nail, W5RP.

A special invitation to join our chapter is issued to all eligible QCWA members in the Amarillo to Odessa-Abilene area of West Texas and Eastern New Mexico.

The next meeting is set for Saturday, March 22.

John Estes, W5HB
Secretary

QCWA / OOTC Dinner Meeting will be held in connection with the Dayton Hamvention, April 25. The dinner will be held Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Ramada Stratford House. Advance reservations are required. Write Box 44 - Hamvention. Dayton, Ohio 45401

METRO NY CHAPTER

The Metropolitan New York Chapter started the 1975 season with a luncheon meeting at the Black Angus Restaurant on January 15. The meeting was devoted to satellite communications, with an excellent illustrated talk on, "The Moon and Beyond" by Mr. John V. Mackey of the N.Y. Telephone Company. He told how satellite communications were developed to supplement and inter-connect with terrestrial radio facilities throughout the world. The photos included a number of those taken on the moon and various space ships.

Forty members attended this function and the fact that almost everyone stayed past the adjournment time to further ask questions about satellite communications, showed the high interest of this new communication medium.

A number of our Chapter members, including Frank, W2FZ; Nat, W2AIM; and Dave, W2PF; attended the S.E. ARRL Convention in Miami. It gave them a chance to again have eye-ball QSO's with many old friends, now W4 and K4 or W2/4. They also attended the dinner-dance arranged by the local QCWA members on January 19. W2FZ even won a prize at the convention. Some of the Metro. N.Y. Chapter members now in Florida are W2RID/4, W2DAX/4, W2ASI/4, W4IB (x-W2IB), W4AL (x-W2SL), K4JBI (x-W2DJJ), K4DI, K4IVA, WA4SYX, K4OL add W4HO.

David Talley, W2PF

**11th ANNUAL AMATEUR RADIO LUNCHEON MEETING
IN CONNECTION WITH IEEE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

The Metropolitan New York Chapter of QCWA will again sponsor the Annual Amateur Radio Luncheon Meeting to be held in connection with the IEEE International Convention in New York City.

The meeting this year will be held on TUESDAY, APRIL 8, at the Engineers' Club, 32 West 40th Street, New York. QCWA President, Frank A. Gunther, W2ALS, will be the Meeting Chairman and all QCWA members and their guests are invited to attend as in past years.

Our speaker will be Capt. Charles Dorian, USCG (Ret) W3JPT, Manager of Maritime Planning of Comsat General Corporation. Chuck will discuss, "Satellites That Have Challenged Men and Women." He also will tell us more about OSCAR-7 since he has been closely associated with its planning and operation.

Additional information may be obtained from Dave Talley, W2PF, or Nat Pfeffer, W2AIM.

MID-CONTINENT CHAPTER

Mid-Continent Chapter met at the Hereford House in downtown Kansas City on November 21. During this meeting, Paul Grauer, WØFIR, Mid-west Division Director of ARRL made a presentation to Mike Rathbun, WAØPZI, for his article in the August 1974 issue of QST on making two sided circuit boards by photo-etching process.



WAØPZI

WØFIR

During the evening, we were also favored by our guest speaker, Bill Hanks, WØKJ, who gave a talk on several topics, the most important one being on the Bermuda Triangle, an area in the Atlantic Ocean which has mysteriously accounted for the loss of many aircraft and ships over a period of many, many years.

J. J. McAllister, WØCW

NATIONAL CAPITAL CHAPTER

OTTAWA, CANADA

The National Capital Chapter held a social evening on November 15th in conjunction with the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club. The meeting was attended by the members and wives of both groups.



The guest speaker of the evening was Bill Porter, W3AAC/VE3. Bill is the United States Ambassador to Canada and an honorary member of the OARC. He was introduced by QCWA member Bud Punchard, VE3UD. Bill's talk proved most interesting, covering his experiences as chief negotiator of the Viet Nam peace talks in Paris and some of his unusual experiences encountered as a "rare DX" station whilst in various diplomatic posts.

Bill Porter, W3AAC/VE3
United States Ambassador to Canada
With Bud Punchard, VE3UD

The photograph shows Bill on the left with Bud Punchard on the right.

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

ATTENTION All QCWA members living in the New England area. Please call into the chapter net at 8:45 a.m. Sunday mornings on 3917 kHz. Any and all QCWA members are welcome whether chapter members or not. The chapter wants its activities to encompass all of New England and the members living therein. Contact WIDJ for information.

The Century Kids, WIMPP/4 and the OM, K4R0, are wintering in Florida. Via phone patch, through the courtesy of WIKJ, they often join their fellow N.E. members on the Sunday morning net. Always nice to hear from them.

While visiting Spain, WIMH, from Vermont, was kind enough to send the secretary a card. That kid sure gets around.

WIDJ and wife had a pleasant visit with Sally and Ed Holland. Ed was telling me about the day he looked out the kitchen window and saw a moose wandering through the yard. That's in the country I guess. WIMH didn't come quite that close. He found moose tracks but no moose. He also lives in the country.

WIEFY and wife had a great trip through Vermont and other states all the way down to North Carolina where they came about and headed home. Stopped in Virginia long enough to trade their 5th wheel travel trailer for a new one. Clint managed to maintain intermittent contact with friends in N.E. with his mobile rig.

Welcome to Bob, WIKBI from Madison, N.H. Speaking of Madison reminds me of the fine job KIAAQ is doing with his new rig. Using it, he called into the Sunday net recently from a pier in Long Island, N.Y.

Jim Green, WIGT is home from the hospital. WIDJ has a new and all transistorized transceiver running 180 watts PEP. Also has cw capability and that's nice. Very lightweight and small. When the weather warms up he may go mobile.

WIDJ has been calling into the new Northern New Jersey chapter net as well as the Central N.Y. net and had fine time on all occasions. Also had the pleasure of a contact with K2ER, who has been an amateur for 62 years.

Bob LaCava, WIFJ, a great guy, became a Silent Key on October 30, 1974 after a lengthy illness.

Harry Wills - WIDJ
Sec/Treas

NIAGARA FRONTIER CHAPTER

QCWA, Niagara Frontier Chapter, BUFFALO, N.Y., had a booth at the Hamburg International Hamfest where we passed out both National and local chapter applications. Thru the kind efforts of some W8's and W3's we arranged a fine get-together at a motel where we enjoyed chewing the fat and having a great dinner. W2SD hopes we can do this again. Harvey, W2MZ took some pix



W2MZ and W2SD
At Hamburg Hamfest

That does bring something to mind....In the last issue of QCWA News, the report was in Silent Keys that W2MZ had passed on to the Great Beyond. I was called by Harvey to report that he was not gone as yet! Well, you know W2SD has been reported as dead and I, for one, hope that isn't true.

Sometimes those things do get into the news, but believe you me, I'm still perkin' as is my best friend W2MZ

I am sorry to say that my friend of many years, Howard of W2PLG, has passed on to the Great Maker.

Howard of W2KZ has moved from the Buffalo section to Cheektowago and is busy with antenna problems. He is wondering a bit what to do with the Chick Sales, but seeing that it's air conditioned (jus' open da window!!!) he's got no problem yet.

W2SD was presented with the QCWA 50 year award at the Hamburg Hamfest. May all of you get this certificate because it's something to really brag about!!!

Clara Reger, W2RUF is in a Buffalo hospital with lung complications. She is making good progress. We usually call her every day and report to our local club network approximately 8:30 a.m. around 3900 kHz Clara sends 88s to all her friends.

W2SD attended the Rochester Hamfest and chaired the QCWA get-together at the request of Bruce, W2ICE. Bruce had a wonderful tape of old time spark goings-on and everyone enjoyed his presentation. W2SD presented 50 year awards to W2DD and W2SOQ. Quite a few pix were taken and will be presented at a later date.

Ray, W2SD

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

At our meeting which was held February 16th at the International Inn, we had 82 in attendance. The speaker was Dr. Seymour N. Stein, formerly head doctor for N.A.S.A. at Sunnyvale, Calif. His talk was informative and he told of the many spin-offs from the space program which we now use in our everyday life.



Incoming Pres. Ben Wambganss, W6WOY receiving gavel from outgoing Pres. Hank Eckhard, W6ON at annual lunch.

Our incoming president, Ben Wambganss, W6WOY, took over for the year from outgoing president, Hank Eckhard, W6ON.

All net controls and the Sec.-Treasurer were re-appointed for the year by our incoming directors.

A "Certificate of Appreciation" was presented by our Norcal Chapter to Walter Cooper, W6CDJ, of Woodside, Calif., for the many things he has done for our Norcal Chapter.



"Certificate of Appreciation" to W6CDJ

Four Golden Anniversary Certificates were presented:



Norcal Chapter president, W6WOY presented 50 year awards to Manuel Navalhas, W6CCW; George Harper, W6AEV; George Meek, W6IC; and Otho Lawrence, K6CAY.

Our next event will be the annual picnic which will be held in either late August or early September. Chairman for the picnic is Charles Henry, W6EJA.

Russ Estep, W6AUC

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

The Northern New Jersey Chapter held its first quarterly Dinner Meeting February 14th at the Ramada Inn, Rochelle Park, N.J. In attendance were a total of 81 members and guests. Of this number 30 were attending their first QCWA meeting.

The meeting was opened by Chapter President Ralph Hasslinger, W2CVF, of Glen Rock, N.J. He, as a charter member of the National QCWA, gave a brief history of the National, starting with its first meeting at Pappas Restaurant in New York City on December 5th 1947, the meetings for the next 25 years in New York, then Washington in 1972, Scottsdale in 1973 and Orlando in 1974.

What had been advertised as a Get Acquainted Dinner, turned out for many as a reunion of those who had attended the National dinners. Present were four National Charter Members and approximately twenty Golden Anniversary Award holders - two of whom, W20G and W2FZ, held 56 year endorsements.

Mr. Frank Gunther, W2ALS, QCWA National President was our guest of honor. Frank presented two Golden Anniversary Awards to our members W2ALH, Russ Tighe and to K210, George Phelps.

A group from the Metro N.Y. Chapter, led by Chairman Dave Telley, W2PF, were on hand to wish us well in our new chapter. Also present and introduced were our Sunday 20 meter National Net Controls, W2SF and W2AIM, as was our cw Net Control W2JBL.

National President Gunther, W2ALS, was presented the first Honorary Charter membership by Chapter President W2CVF.

The Chapter Secretary, George Apfel, W2GHV, reported that our chapter membership had grown to 110 members from the 15 Charter Signers in little over five months. Ably assisted by Vice President Henry Zangenberg, W2CCS, the Secretary handed out membership certificates and cards to all members present at the meeting.

By a unanimous vote it was decided to name a committee to assist the widows of "Silent Keys" in the disposition of radio equipment. It was also decided to hold the next Dinner Meeting at this Ramada some time next May.

Our many thanks to our National Executive Secretary, Ethel Smith, K4LMB, for expediting the receipt of our Chapter Banner in time for our meeting and for her efficient handling of the many new National members that this chapter has generated.

George Apfel, W2GHV
Secretary

NORTHWEST CHAPTER

Doc Spike, W7OS, and his committee are busy with plans for the coming Northwest Chapter Convention at Tacoma in June.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

ANNUAL MEETING

June 14 & 15, 1975

HOLIDAY INN

Tacoma has the reputation of putting on the biggest and the best meetings: Educational, entertaining, fun! Your committee is hard at work on the plans and arrangements; and the women's committee has an exciting day in store for all the gals.

Committee members are Vince, W7JAN; Cliff, W7MFG; Roy, W7AZI and Doc, W7OS. Helen Spike is heading up the ladies' program.

The location will be at the Holiday Inn just off Interstate 5 between Tacoma and Fife.

Warm up the gear Sundays and join one of the Northwest Chapter nets. Here is a recap of the frequencies and times:

8:30 a.m. - 3655 kHz cw. 12:00 Noon - 7260 kHz AM, SSB

3:00 p.m. - 3955 kHz

Times mentioned are Pacific Time. The Noon net is also daily. Don't be bashful of your cw operation as the gang will adjust to your speed.

The Section I dinner was attended by fifty-one, which included VE7KM and VE7LL and their spouses. The after dinner talk by Bill, W7BQ, was very enlightening - on the subject of man made interference and the description of the booth at EXPO 74.

Section II dinner will be in Centralia at the usual place and date - Saturday, April 26th at the Lewis & Clark Hotel, Centralia, Wash. Guest speaker will be Doris, KL7GLH, who is on leave from the Alaska Missions. Doris will show an hour of color slides depicting her life in the remote villages of Alaska.

Section IV dinner will be Friday, March 14th at the Country Kitchen Restaurant, S.E. 105th and Park, Portland, Oregon.

At the Section VI dinner in Vancouver in January there were 45 in attendance

We welcome aboard the following new members: W7HHH, W7IDT, W7IDZ, W7JFM, W7JKI, W7OEB, W7HAZ, VE7BRH, W2HJU/7 and W7GDP. This brings our total number of new members for the fiscal year to SIXTEEN.

Hal Johnson, W7PN

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

The first meeting of the Pittsburgh Chapter was held at Tonidale Restaurant on Sunday, January 12. Fourteen of the faithful plus eight YLs were present.

The pix, taken by official fotog W3KVS, is printed herewith



Front Row: Zigmond, W3UHM; Carl, W3KPI; Tom, W3YD; Joe, W3NSX; your Secretary, Mark, W3LPP; Ike, W3GSI and George, W3KVS.
Rear Row: Sid, W3JQ; Johnny, W8CWY; Your Prez, Joe, W3LGD; Ray, W3OJM; Joe, W3ZDW; Dave, W3OVM; and Pete, W3DM.

The next meeting is set for Sunday noon, April 6th at Toni-dale. The banquet manager has added a \$1.00 cover charge per person on top of the food prices. There have been some complaints, but after evaluating the situation with W3KPI and W3LPP we have concluded that this place is still tops. Any other suggestions from the chapter are welcome.

Participation by the local chapter group in the recent QCWA QSO Party is noteworthy. For the first time in a good many years our gang racked up some scores and put Pittsburgh on the map as an active chapter. Here are some of the scores. Altho Johnny, W8CWY, represented the Canton chapter, we are including his score here because of his active participation in this chapter's activities.

W8CWY - 152	W3ZDW - 77	W3YD - 30	W3IDO - 7
W3KVS - 110	W3LPP - 67	W3AKG - 16	W3LGD - 5
W3KPI - 100	W3DM - 35	W3TTN - 10	

We welcome the following new members to the fraternity: W3TTN, Mario of Jeannette, Pa; Bill, W3VW of Pittsburgh; Tony, W3YDP of McKeesrocks; Bill, WA3TXO of Duquesne; Dick, W3MIX of Canonsburg.

Information has been passed to us by W3KZW that H. DeV Hotham, K3MK has joined the Silent Keys.

Joseph Soroka, W3LGD & J. Mark Moore, W3LPP

READING CHAPTER

We here in Reading want you to know that this chapter is alive and well, holding meetings four times a year (usually social.) Our present officers are:

President: Elmer Frantz, W3FQS

Vice Pres: Steward Ringler, W3EYN

Sec/Treas: Robert Wagner, W3GII

Golden Anniversary Awards were presented to Harold Stoudt, W3CJP; Russell Frederick, W3CDS; and Paul Naftzinger, W3AHF. Photo shows Chapter President Elmer Frantz, W3FQS making the presentations.



Golden Anniversary Awards

W3FQS

W3CJP

W3CDS

W3AHF

MUSKEGON CHAPTER

The January meeting of Muskegon Chapter had 15 members in attendance at a luncheon in Muskegon, Michigan. There was a short business meeting.

The following are the officers for 1975:

President: Joseph Czerniak, W8NWU
2744 Bellevue

Muskegon, MI 49441

Vice Pres: Cliff Bee, W8CCC

1605 Hillcrest

Grand Haven, MI 49417

Sec/Treas: Russell Reece, W8BXS

1748 Evanston

Muskegon, MI 49442

Joe, W8NWU

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

The San Diego Chapter has shown steady growth during recent months. Treasurer Romeo Bilodeau, K6PM reports a membership of 147 for January and we continue to search out new eligibles. Another bright note is the activity on 28.6 MHz each Wednesday evening at 2000, when John Wieting, K6QM calls up the QCWA net. We have had over 20 check-ins on several occasions in recent weeks. Quite a few of the members reported having made a good showing on the bands during the annual QCWA QSO Party. W600X had some very vigorous competition this year!

Here are the chapter officers for 1974-1975.



CHAPTER OFFICERS 1974 - 1975

Secretary: "Si," W6OSD - Treasurer: Romeo, K6PM
President: Roy, W6DEY - Vice Pres: Art, W6INI

All chapters note that the bid of the San Diego County Amateur Radio Council has been accepted to host the 1978 ARRL National Convention. It is a bit in the future, but as the little sign says - Plan Ahead! The Chapter is sure to be in this one up to its ears, as we were in support of the recent Southwest Division convention last November.

The San Diego Chapter extends a warm welcome to the new Central California Coast Chapter and we thank you for your bulletin - a very nice and informative one.

Charlotte Hooker, YF of Jim Hooker, W6ZCA, reports that Jim suffered a fall last October and has been confined since in the VA hospital in Marion, Indiana. He expecting to be admitted to the San Diego Veterans Hospital in the near future. when a military flight can be made available to him.

At our Brunch last September, retiring President Bob Crain, K6CM, had the pleasure of presenting the Meritorious Award

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SHREVEPORT CHAPTER

Shreveport Chapter met Saturday, March 1, in Sambo's Restaurant, Bossier City, Louisiana. There were 12 members present.

We plan to have another meeting in about a month.

Dwight Brown, Jr, W5WE

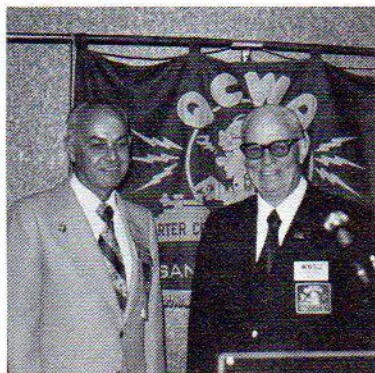
San Diego Chapter - Continued

Meritorious Award to a very deserving Romeo Bilodeau, K6PM. Romeo is one of the founders of the Chapter, has held all of its offices, and continues to work untiringly to keep the membership in a solvent status. Recently Romeo reported a 100% paid up roster. That takes a little doin'.



Photos by Art Smith, W6RT

MERITORIOUS AWARD TO ROMEO BILODEAU
Bob Crain at left, Roemo at right



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY AWARDS
Lyle, K6NC and George, W6SJ

Chapter President Roy Maxson, W6DEY, had the pleasure of presenting Golden Anniversary Awards to Lyle Fisher, K6NC, and George Davis, W6SJ, (see photo above) during the QCWA Breakfast held during the ARRL SW Division Convention.

The Chapter is looking forward now to its semi-annual brunch which will be held March 9.

Si - W60SD

SPACEPORT CHAPTER

The Spaceport Chapter recently elected the following officers:

President: Glenn Diggs, W4BFQ
Vice Pres: James Dyer, W4COB
Secretary: Lee Coash, K4KWA
Treasurer: Bob Lucas, K4HTU

The Chapter conducts a weekly 2-meter net using the Merritt Island Repeater (28/88). QCWA'ers in the area on vacation or passing through are invited to check into the net at any time. The Net meets each Sunday evening from 7 to 8 p.m. The new Chapter President, W4BFQ, serves as NCS.

The Chapter recently learned that it has another 50-year award holder among its members - Alan Apple, K4ILX. Alan received the award in 1972 while a member of another chapter.

Lee, K4KWA

SYDNEY AUSTRALIA CHAPTER

A Golden Anniversary Award was presented to Eric Bierre, VK2BEK at the Christmas Dinner Party.



Eric Bierre, VK2BEK (left) being presented with Golden Anniversary Award by Harry Caldecott, VK2OA, President Sydney Chapter at the Christmas Dinner

SUNFLOWER CHAPTER

The Kansas Sunflower Chapter of QCWA held its charter meeting and dinner on Friday night, January 31, at the Sweden House in Wichita, Kansas. There were 31 members and guests attending, even though the weather was inclement. The Chapter now has 39 members - 27 being new QCWA members.

Dick Caspari, WØYZB, President, presided at the meeting and presented the charter to the chapter. A short discussion then followed on whether the chapter should purchase a Chapter banner or wait until 11 more members joined. It was finally decided to "pass the hat" and enough was donated to buy the banner and a stand.



A Golden Anniversary Award then was presented to Paul Mark, WØCVN. In presenting the award, Dick noted that for a chapter only three months old, with 27 new QCWA members, and with the presentation of a 50-Year award to a chapter member on Charter Night, was an occasion probably not experienced by many QCWA chapters.

Speaker for the evening was G. D. "Don" Meserve, WØHG, a member of the Kansas City Mid-Continent Chapter and a Director of the National QCWA.

Don pointed out that the QCWA members were the backbone of Amateur and if any member didn't like the proposed license changes or anything else for that matter, he should inform those in authority by constructive criticism and/or alternatives.

Don ended his talk by suggesting the two Kansas QCWA Chapters co-sponsor a National QCWA convention in either Kansas City or Wichita.



SUNCOAST CHAPTER

Suncoast Chapter started the New Year with a bang, with 115 in attendance to witness the installation of our new officers:

President: Jim Balmer, K4ISG
Secretary: Morris Brown, K4GSL
Treasurer: Dale Donner, K4WR

J. H. "Doc" MacArt, K4ZF (ex W2D0) gave a very interesting talk, with pictures, about his years of service on Kwajalein, where nuclear testing still continues.

The February meeting was enjoyed by all 112 who were in attendance. Dennis Cooper of the General Telephone Company was guest speaker and explained why the company requires higher rates. After his talk, questions were fired at him and he was a might busy man until the meeting closed - and even afterwards.

The March meeting was a very interesting and enlightening meeting, with 96 present. K4NE, Lew Sieck, explained what the new proposals of the FCC would mean to us amateurs. A very good job, Lew.

It was like old times to see Mark Swanson, W4ZR and YF Jean back with the gang; also Lamar Graham, W4FKR, who has joined the retirement group.

Bill Soehl, W4GHR

NEW NW FLORIDA CHAPTER

A new chapter is being organized in the Florida panhandle. Bounded on the South by the Gulf, on the West by the Alabama/Mississippi border, on the North by U.S. 90 (including Montgomery) and on the East by the Alabama/Georgia border, down U.S. 27 to include Tallahassee, then due South to the Gulf.

Organization plans will be held in connection with the Suwannee Chapter luncheon meeting on April 12 at the Playground Area Radio Club Swapfest in Ft. Walton Beach

Suwannee Chapter now covers the North part of Florida, but the area is too large geographically for many in the Panhandle and South Alabama to attend many meetings. This new chapter will better serve our area.

Hope to see you all there.

John Zwaska, W4WKQ

SUWANNEE CHAPTER

Suwannee Chapter held a regular meeting at the National QCWA Convention in Orlando and installed the new slate of officers. It was a fine meeting: 81 in attendance, a pleasant atmosphere and everyone seemed to enjoy the festivities. Carl Coleman, K4WJ, the outgoing president and founder of the chapter, introduced the new officers:

President: Hal Sturm, W4UCF
Vice Pres: Ken Cox, W4FYE
Treasurer: Ted Gormsen, W4SZ
Secretary: Frank "Mac" McCullough, W4WWH
Exec. Committee: Larry Garland, W4LIN
George Sperry, W4UKA
Carl Coleman, K4WJ

Ted, Tony and Carl combined their efforts and talents to dispose of the equipment of Silent Key George Wetmore for his wife, Marion. They realized about \$1100, and I am sure she was grateful.

Mac, W4WWH

TREASURE COAST CHAPTER

The Treasure Coast Chapter had a very fine luncheon meeting at the Hilltop House, Ft. Pierce, Florida, on February 15th. There were 112 members and guests present from 10 chapters: Delaware Valley; Washington, D.C.; Cleveland, Ohio; Southeast; Citrus; Spaceport; Everglades; Sun Coast; and Treasure Coast.

We had the following honored guests present: Bob David, W4YK, 4th District Director QCWA; Connie Mac, Director of Atlantic Division ARRL; Ted Wayne, Asst. Director 4th District ARRL; George Sperry, W4UKA, chairman QCWA and Father May, W4WMY.

Father May delivered the invocation, and we all enjoyed a very fine luncheon.

At the close of the luncheon, Bob David presented 50 Year certificates to John Sanborn, K1OUO and Toney Litschnauer, K4JQ.

Herb Combs, W4KEB



QCWA MEMBERSHIP

Applicants for QCWA membership must have held an amateur radio license at least 25 years ago and must, at the time of applying, hold a valid amateur license. Proof of eligibility must be shown.

An Entry Fee of \$3 is charged for initial membership. Dues in the amount of \$10 for three years are payable in advance with the application. Life membership may be obtained for \$50 plus Entry Fee.

CHAPTER CHARTER

QCWA Chapters may be formed, upon approval of the Board of Directors, by petition of at least ten QCWA members in good standing living in the same geographical area.

CERTIFICATES

Membership certificates, numbered in chronological order, are issued to each new member. Blue certificates and membership cards are issued to regular members; Gold certificates and membership cards are issued to Life Members.

Golden Anniversary certificates are issued, upon request and proof of eligibility, to those who have completed 50 years in amateur radio.

A most impressive "Meritorious Award" is issued to individuals upon request of their chapter and justification to the Board of Directors.

A Bronze plaque is rotated to the winner of each annual QCWA QSO Party. The winner of three consecutive QSO parties is entitled to keep the plaque permanently.

An "Operating Award" certificate is issued to each member of QCWA who proves contact with 100 QCWA members.

QCWA SUPPLIES

QCWA Lapel pin, Gold plated, with call	\$3.00
Pin clasp, screw button, or clutch pin	
Blazer Emblem, QCWA Logo	3.00
500 Red stamps - for Regular Members	1.75
500 Yellow stamps - for Life Members	1.75
500 Red stamps imprinted "50 Years in Amateur Radio."	2.00
QCWA auto decal (4 inches)	.25
Chapter Banners *	30.00

*Free to Chapters having 50 or more members

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